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SUBJECT: SWEDISH RADIO AND PRESS NAME ALLEGED CIA OPERATIVES AT
EMBASSY STOCKHOLM

1. IN CONNECTION WITH CURRENT VISIT TO STOCKHOLM OF FORMER CIA EMPLOYEE PHILIP AGEE, SWEDISH RADIO PROGRAM "OPEN CHANNEL" ON MONDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 20, ANNOUNCED NAMES OF SEVEN ALLEGED CIA EMPLOYEES ON STAFF OF THIS EMBASSY. AGEE ARRIVED HERE ON SUNDAY TO PUBLICIZE HIS BOOK "INSIDE THE COMPANY" WHICH IS ABOUT TO APPEAR IN SWEDISH. EMB-OFFS NAMED WERE: PAUL GARBLER, GEORGE SWERDLIN, JAMES SKOVE, BRUCE HUTCHINS, JAMES BONEY, DAVID ALTMAN AND PHILIP LANE. TV NEWS PROGRAM SAME NIGHT FLASHED NAMES OFFIRST FIVE AND SHOWED PICTURES OF ENTRANCE TO GARBLER HOME AND OF SKOVE AT OWN FRONT DOOR.

2. AGEE WAS INTERVIEWED ON TV NEWS PROGRAM AND "CONFIRMED" STORY ABOUT SEVEN NAMED ABOVE AND ADDED THAT THERE ARE ALSO FOUR OR FIVE OTHERS. ASKED ABOUT ASSIGNMENTS OF CIA AGENTS IN SWEDEN, AGEE SAID "I BELIEVE THEY ARE MIXED UP IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN THE SAME WAY I WAS. THERE IS MUCH CIA CAN DO, FOR INSTANCE, TRY TO HINDER VARIOUS PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENTS SINCE CIA IN REALITY WORKS IN THE INTEREST OF AMERICAN MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES."

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3. DAGENS NYHETER STORY REFERRED TO STATEMENT BY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THAT IT HAS NO INTENTION AT THIS STAGE OF TAKING ANY ACTION AGAINST INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN NAMED. IT IS ONLY WHEN CRIME HAS BEEN COMMITTED, MFA STATEMENT CONTINUED, THAT A DIPLOMAT CAN BE FORCED TO LEAVE COUNTRY. DN STORY ALSO COMMENTED THAT DISCLOSURES COME AS NO SURPRISE TO "INFORMED SWEDISH CIRCLES" WHO ARE FULLY AWARE THAT BIG POWERS HAVE INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL AT THEIR EMBASSIES. THESE SOURCES EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT SOVIET EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM HAS MORE KGB AGENTS THAN CIA HAS AT AMERICAN EMBASSY.

4. DAGENS NYHETER SAID INFORMATION RE ALLEGED CIA MEMBERS HAD BEEN OBTAINED FROM BRITISH FREE LANCE JOURNALIST GEORGE LENNOX AND A GROUP OF SWEDISH FREE-LANCE JOURNALISTS WHO THEN HANDED IT OVER TO AGEE. PAPER ADDED THAT AGEE HAD SELECTED SEVEN OF NINE NAMES GIVEN HIM.

5. EMBASSY PRESS OFFICER HAS REPLIED TO ALL QUERIES RE AGEE STORY WITH "NO COMMENT".

6. AGEE PRESS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED OCTOBER 21 AND FURTHER MEDIA COVERAGE ANTICIPATED.
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